WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A method for processing data, the method comprising:
 processing one or more bytes of a data set as a block wherein the data set comprises
 Asian language characters;

comparing the first byte of the one or more bytes with a value; and inserting an identifier after each byte of the one or more bytes, if the first byte is larger than the value.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the value equals to 127.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the identifier is 0.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more bytes comprise two bytes.
- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the data set comprises semiconductor manufacturing data.
- 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving the data set from a first device.
- 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting the processed data set to a second device.
- 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the Asian language characters comprise Chinese characters.
- 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the Asian language characters comprise Japanese characters.
- 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the Asian language characters comprise Korean characters.

11. A method for processing data in a semiconductor manufacturing environment, the method comprising:

processing one or more bytes of a data set as a block wherein the data set comprises Asian language characters;

comparing the first byte of the one or more bytes with a value; deleting an identifier following the each byte, if the first byte is larger than the value; and transmitting the processed data set to a first device.

- 12. The method of claim 11 further comprising receiving the data set from a second device.
- 13. The method of claim 11 wherein the identifier is 0.
- 14. The method of claim 11 wherein the value is 127.
- 15. The method of claim 11 wherein the Asian language characters comprise Chinese characters.
- 16. The method of claim 11 wherein the Asian language characters comprise Japanese characters.
- 17. The method of claim 11 wherein the Asian language characters comprise Korean characters.
- 18. A method for transmitting semiconductor manufacturing data in a virtual integrated circuits fabrication system, the method comprising:

processing each two bytes of a first data set as a block wherein the first data set comprises Asian language characters;

comparing the first byte of the each two bytes with 127; adding a zero after each byte of the each two bytes, if the first byte is larger than 127;

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comparing each byte of a second data set with 127 wherein the second data set comprises
Asian language characters; and

deleting a zero following the each byte of the second data set, if the each byte of the second data set is larger than 127.

- 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the Asian language characters comprise Chinese characters.
- 20. The method of claim 18 wherein the first data set comprises semiconductor manufacturing data transmitted in a virtual integrated circuits fabrication system environment.

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